Cognates: Foundations of Psychology Courses

Consistent with CPA accreditation requirements, all CCAP students must demonstrate sufficient coverage of four foundational areas of psychology (biological bases of behaviour, cognitive-affective bases of behaviour, individual differences, and social bases of behaviour) before completion of the PhD program. Upon entering the program, the DCT will determine if students have sufficient coverage of all areas; this is represented by two upper-level undergraduate courses or one graduate course in each area. Individual Differences is covered in the CCAP core program. The current University of Guelph graduate courses approved to meet these requirements include: PSYC*6810 for the Biological Bases of Behaviour; PSYC* 7040, OR PSYC*6930, OR PSYC*6910 for the Social Bases of Behaviour; PSYC*6790 for the Cognitive-Affective Bases of Behaviour. At the Masters level, you may consider taking a course that will meet this requirement (optionally).

Progress through the MA Degree

*Important departmental milestones to achieve during the degree (full-time registration only): Students enrolled in the MA must have their thesis proposal approved by the end of their 3rd semester. If this milestone is not met, it will result in a “Some Concerns” on the student’s progress report. Furthermore, the MA thesis must be defended by the end of their 6th semester; see further details below.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

A student cannot be in two programs at the same time. The expectation is that a continuing master’s student with a doctoral offer for the semester following their last MA semester will defend by the middle of their last MA semester or earlier.

If you are unable to successfully finalize your master’s thesis with the Office of Graduate Studies by one week before the start of your first PhD semester, the doctoral offer of admission may become be null and void.

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